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could in Fig. 4, the spring 9 can include two cut-outs 12 (shown in phantom) that correspond to the seats (2, 2', 2'' and/or 2''').

**In the Abstract of the Disclosure:**

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Composite structures obtained by joining two or more structures of the type which presents pairs of joined tubular elements, whose extremity is hinged in universal joints and in which the universal joints are substantially parallelepiped in form and present four seats of hinging corresponding to the sides faces, in which the universal joints present grooves along the sides of the face, in which are scheduled the seats to hinge the extended elements, in proximity of the edges and parallel to the same edges, that cooperate with C-sectioned fixing elements to hold united two matched universal joints belonging to two structures from join.

**In the Claims:**

~~Please substitute the following Claims 1, 2, 5, 7, and 8 (Twice Amended) and Claims 12, 13, and 15-17 (Amended) for the pending Claims 1, 2, 5, 7, and 8 (Amended) and 12, 13, and 15-17.~~

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1. (Twice Amended) In a composite structure comprising at least two coupled structures comprising a plurality of pairs of scissors-connected tubular